

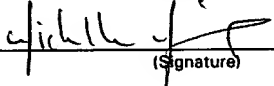


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PHYLLOSILICATES  
Appl. No.: 09/973,302  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 24, 2003, imposing a restriction requirement on the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I (claims 1-24) without traverse. Please cancel claims 25-31 ~~without~~ prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue such claims in a timely-filed divisional application.

The initial deadline for responding to this Office Action was April 24, 2003. Therefore, Applicant believes that this response is timely filed. However, should any additional fees be due for this filing, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge such

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Respectfully submitted,

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